

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 51-53 without prejudice and amend claims 30 and 36 as follows:

1-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) An electrolytic cell, comprising:
an electrolyte container comprising an anode base;
a plurality of anode segments positioned in the electrolyte container, wherein ~~one~~
a first anode segment of the plurality of the anode segments is surrounded
~~another one~~ a second anode segment of the plurality of the anode segments, and
wherein at least one of the plurality of anode segments is mounted to at least one
anode support mounted on the anode base such that an electrolyte solution channel is
defined between the plurality of anode segments and the anode base;
insulating members positionable between adjacent segments of the plurality of
anode segments, wherein one of the insulating members contacts both the first anode
segment and the second anode segment; and
an electrical source coupled to each of the anode segments.

31. (Previously Presented) The electrolytic cell of claim 30, wherein at least two
of the plurality of anode segments have substantially coplanar upper segment surfaces.

32. (Previously Presented) The electrolytic cell of claim 31, wherein the at least
two of the plurality of anode segments having substantially coplanar upper segment
surfaces have substantially coplanar lower segment surfaces.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) The electrolytic cell of claim 30, wherein each anode support is connected to at least one of the plurality of anode segments.
35. (Canceled)
36. (Currently Amended) An electrolytic cell, comprising:
an electrolyte container comprising an anode base;
an electrolyte solution input port;
a plurality of concentric anode segments positioned in the electrolyte container, wherein at least one of the plurality of anode segments is mounted to at least one anode support mounted on the anode base such that an electrolyte solution channel is formed between the plurality of anode segments and the anode base and wherein the anode segments are positioned with spaces therebetween such that electrolyte solution from the electrolyte solution input port can pass from the electrolyte solution channel below the anode segments to above the anode segments through the spaces between the anode segments; and
insulating members positioned between adjacent segments of the plurality of anode segments, wherein one insulating member contacts two adjacent anode segments.
37. (Previously Presented) The electrolytic cell of claim 36, wherein at least two of the plurality of anode segments have substantially coplanar upper segment surfaces.
38. (Previously Presented) The electrolytic cell of claim 36, wherein at least two of the plurality of anode segments have substantially coplanar lower segment surfaces.
39. (Previously Presented) The electrolytic cell of claim 36, further comprising an electrical source coupled to each of the plurality of anode segments.
- 40-41. (Canceled)

42. (Previously Presented) The electrolytic cell of claim 36, wherein each anode support is connected to at least one of the anode segments.

43-49. (Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented) The electrolytic cell of claim 36, wherein electrolyte solution that is between adjacent anode segments contacts both of the adjacent anode segments.

51-57. (Canceled)

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